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1. [redacted] the
following shipments crossed the border, in the directions indicated, from
17 August through 2 September 1953:

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B - boxcar
E - express train coach
F - flatcar
F/S - flatcar with sideracks
G - gondola car
R - refrigerator car
SS - heavy-duty flatcar
T - tank car

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
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a. Westbound

17	15 F/S, 32 G	ore
	5 F/S, 35 F	iron
	42 B	grain
	12 B	vegetables
	5 F/S, 15 F	empty
18	5 F, 6 F/S, 30 G	ore
	15 B, 17 F/S	empty
	46 B	undetermined
	11 F/S, 25 F	iron
	32 T	empty
	15 R, 28 B	undetermined
	46 B	grain
	8 F/S	empty
	25 F	iron
	21 B	vegetables
	5 F	empty
	13 B	undetermined
	2 F/S, 25 F	iron
19	42 G	ore
	17 F	iron

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
19	20 T	empty
	48 B	"
	12 F, 27 G	ore
	42 B, 5 F/S	undetermined
	13 G, 20 F	iron
	25 F/S, 18 F	ore
	18 B	vegetables
	23 B	empty
20	3 F/S, 28 F, 5 F	iron
	33 F	"
	20 F/S, 21 F	pig iron
	5 B	vegetables
	15 F/S, 5 B	empty
	15 B	undetermined
	34 G	ore
	32 B	empty
	32 F, 3 F/S	iron
	42 G	ore
	12 F/S, 20 F, 15 G	iron
	38 B	undetermined
	5 B	vegetables
	32 B	empty
	15 F, 12 F/S, 14 G	ore
21	32 T	empty
	21 B	"
	5 F/S, 17 F, 20 F/S	iron
	22 F, 17 F/S	empty
	43 B	"
	15 G	lumber
	13 F/S	empty
	5 F/S, 13 F, 21 F/S	iron
22	28 R	undetermined
	17 F/S	iron
	28 T	empty
	32 B	"
	21 F, 5 G, 12 F/S	ore
	17 F/S, 32 F	iron
	5 B	empty
	28 F/S	iron
	5 B	vegetables
	21 G	lumber
	28 F, 15 F/S	iron
23	42 B	empty
	41 G	ore
	21 B	vegetables
	17 F/S	empty
	15 G	coal
	31 F	ore
	15 F/S, 2 F/S, 28 F	iron
	17 R, 26 B	undetermined
	27 T	empty

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
24	31 F	iron
	25 F/S, 7 F	ore
	11 G	"
	10 B	vegetables
	42 B	undetermined
	2 F/S, 15 F, 17 F/S	iron
	21 G	coal
	17 F/S	ore
	15 B, 17 F/S, 5 F/S	empty
	11 G, 5 B	lumber, vegetables
25	5 G, 17 F, 22 F/S	iron
	15 R	undetermined
	30 F/S	iron
	21 B, 5 F/S	empty
	21 F/S, 12 F	iron
	42 B	grain
	20 G, 15 F/S	ore
	12 G	lumber
	17 B	vegetables
	41 B	empty
26	2 F/S, 27 F, 6 F/S	iron
	13 R, 10 F/S	machinery
	12 F/S	iron
	15 F, 21 F/S	"
	5 F, 2 F	empty
	11 F/S, 30 F	iron
	20 G, 5 F 9	ore
	15 B	empty
	10 G	coal
	15 F/S	empty
	42 B	grain
	5 B	vegetables
	17 G	lumber
	12 F/S	empty
27	2 F/S, 25 F, 11 F/S	iron
	15 F, 12 G, 11 F/S	ore
	38 B, 15 F	grain
	15 F, 26 F/S	iron
	21 F, 18 G	ore
	28 T	empty
	20 G, 23 F	ore
	23 B	empty
	50 undetermined	coal
	20 F, 17 F/S	ore
	17 F/S, 32 F	iron
	17 G	lumber
	5 B	vegetables
	13 F/S	empty
28	47 B	empty
	7 F/S, 30 F	iron
	25 F/S, 11 F/S	iron
	23 SS	"
	29 T	empty
	11 G	lumber

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
28	5 F, 11 F/S 18 F, 7 F/S, 11 F/S	empty iron
29	28 T 15 F/S, 21 B 18 F, 2 G, 20 F/S 30 G, 12 F 41 B 28 F/S, 17 F 12 G, 27 T 12 F, 18 G, 17 F/S 42 B 11 G 8 B 13 B 28 R, 13 B	empty " iron ore grain iron empty ore undetermined lumber vegetables empty undetermined
30	21 B 7 F/S, 22 F 21 G, 15 F, 3 F/S 5 F/S, 18 F, 12 F/S 31 F, 2 F/S, 5 G 43 B 25 G, 18 F, 2 F/S 7 G 3 B 13 B	empty iron ore iron iron empty ore lumber vegetables empty
31	2 SS, 21 F, 15 F/S 11 B 41 B, 2 F/S 21 F, 15 F/S 21 B, 28 B 17 G 27 F/S 2 G, 15 F, 25 F/S 11 G 5 B	iron empty grain iron empty lumber empty ore lumber vegetables
September 1	21 F, 17 F/S 38 B 27 T 2 F/S, 25 F/S, 7 F 31 G 21 F, 23 F/S 18 R 30 B 21 B 42 B 21 B 32 B 21 F, 17 F/S, 19 G 21 B 15 G, 20 F, 3 F/S	iron empty " iron ore iron undetermined empty " undetermined vegetables " empty " ore
2	3 F/S, 21 F 2 R 38 F 7 B, 28 F	iron undetermined iron empty

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
2 September	12 F/S	ore
	21 B	empty
	42 F/S	50 rocket launchers 1
b. Eastbound		
17 August	45 F	machinery
	5 F/S, 36 F	"
	52 G	empty
	48 B	industrial goods
	12 G	empty
	28 T	undetermined
18	30 B	empty
	15 F/S	machinery
	48 G	empty
	43 B	undetermined
	21 F/S, 20 F	machinery
	42 G	"
19	34 G	empty
	21 B	"
	5 F/S, 20 F/S, 10 F	machinery
	30 F/S, 8 F	"
	43 B	uranium ore
	44 G	empty
	28 F, 15 F/S	machinery
	43 B	undetermined
	24 E	new
	8 F/S	wheel sets
20	30 F, 18 F/S	machinery
	42 B	undetermined
	15 F, 12 F, 18 F/S	machinery
	45 R	undetermined
	9 G	empty
	32 T	undetermined
	28 G, 15 B	empty
	28 F/S, 15 F	machinery
	26 R	new
	6 F/S	wheel sets
	15 F/S, 17 F/S	machinery
	46 B	undetermined
21	22 B, 21 G	empty
	22 F, 22 F/S	machinery
	44 G	empty
	15 F/S, 12 F, 15 F	machinery
	12 SS, 8 F	"
	32 T	undetermined
	41 B	"
	15 F/S, 8 F/S	machinery
	18 B, 21 G	empty
	30 F, 15 F	machinery
	41 B	uranium ore

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
21	48 G 5 F/S, 18 F, 3 F/S, 12 F	empty machinery
22	22 F/S, 15 F, 1 F/S 37 F, 18 F/S 8 F/S, 12 F/S 43 G 28 R 6 F/S 12 G 31 T 42 B 48 G 38 G, 10 F 24 E, 6 F/S	machinery " " empty new wheel sets empty undetermined " empty machinery wheel sets
23	32 G 15 F 5 F/S, 24 F, 8 F/S 22 F, 18 F/S 46 B 53 G 8 G, 28 T 41 R 5 F/S, 31 F	empty machinery " " undetermined empty undetermined " machinery
24	30 G, 17 B 6 G 31 T 43 B 15 F, 12 G, 17 F 18 G, 11 B 38 B 49 G, 6 SS 37 F/S	empty " undetermined uranium ore machinery empty undetermined empty machinery
25	12 G, 5 B 8 F 12 G 23 T 28 F, 2 F/S, 15 F 43 G 12 B, 8 G 13 F/S 6 F/S, 30 G 44 B	empty machinery empty undetermined machinery empty " machinery " undetermined
26	41 G 43 B	empty undetermined
27	22 G, 15 B 8 SS, 12 F/S 22 E, 6 F/S 12 G, 8 B 21 F, 18 F/S 38 B	empty machinery new empty machinery undetermined

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
28	8 B, 21 G	empty
	17 F, 14 F, 20 F/S	machinery
	42 G	empty
	38 B	uranium ore
	15 G, 3 B	empty
	12 G	"
	28 T	undetermined
	15 F'S, 13 F, 7 F	machinery
29	41 B	undetermined
	15 B, 11 G	empty
	41 G	"
	22 F, 17 F/S, 8 F	machinery
	6 SS, 11 F/S	"
	41 B	undetermined
	11 G	empty
	28 T, 5 F/S	undetermined
	13 F, 18 F/S	machinery
	41 G	empty
	39 B	undetermined
	22 F, 18 F/S, 2 F	machinery
	8 G	empty
	21 T	undetermined
30	18 B, 13 G	empty
	6 SS, 8 F/S	machinery
	47 B	undetermined
	15 G, 28 F/S	machinery
	8 B, 12 G	empty
	45 R	undetermined
	37 B	"
	21 F, 17 F/S, 5 G	machinery
31	38 G, 5 F/S	empty
	12 F, 30 F/S	machinery
	31 F, 16 F	"
	44 B	undetermined
	22 E	new
	6 F/S	wheel sets
	17 G, 12 B	empty
	43 B, 28 F	undetermined
	8 G, 6 F/S	machinery
September 1	25 G, 12 B	empty
	31 F	machinery
	5 F/S, 20 F/S, 6 F	"
	8 SS, 12 F/S	"
	42 B	undetermined
	15 F	machinery
	12 B	empty
	40 G, 5 B	"
	23 G, 12 G	"
	21 T	undetermined
	15 F, 30 F/S	machinery
2	5 B, 13 G	empty
	21 B, 15 F/S	machinery
	15 G, 40 B	empty

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2. [redacted] the following iron ore shipments passed through the Frankfurt/Oder border station en route to Ziltendorf between 16 and 31 August 1953:

<u>Date in</u> <u>August</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Cars</u>
16	51
17	-
18	4
19	49
20	56
21	52
22	45
23	17
24	106
25	47
26	45
27	73
28	92
29	121
30	26
31	7

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted], the total number of cars decreased from a daily average of 519 cars to 313 cars, i.e. by 40 percent. Food shipments decreased as follows: grain shipments were down from a daily average of 69 to one of 18 carloads, vegetable shipment from 31 to 10 carloads, and goods shipped in refrigerator cars from 39 carloads daily to 8 carloads, i.e. a decrease of 75, 60 and 80 percent respectively. It could not be determined whether foodstuffs were dispatched at a reduced rate or rerouted via other border stations.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The volume of uranium ore shipments reported was below the average reported previously.

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